MARINE CURIOSITIES.

Some of the Queer Things Found at the Bottom of Behring Sea.

Everybody will remember the United States Fish Commission steamer Albaoss, and the wonderful collection of fishes and marine curiosities on board of which was such an attraction.

The Albatross, has been cruising in Behring Sea and that vicinity and is now in San Francisco, where the specimens collected during the trip have been boxed up and forwarded to Washington where they will be examined and classified.

The Examiner says there were enough boxes to fill a car and many of the specimens are new to the scientists, and the voyagers feel quite elated with their success. They located many new cod banks and found places where spawns and shrimps may be scooped up by the

The oddest thing in the catch is an ascidian anchored on the back of a crab smaller than itself. For a long time after the capture of the two they were kept in the aquarium on board, and the antics of the oddly assorted team afforded a good deal of amusement.

The crab is a small fellow, an inch and a half in diameter.

For the benefit of the unscientific it may be stated that an ascidian is an animal without a head or a backbone. This particular ascidian resembles a miniature balloon, the bag being about two inches long; a feeler ten inches long like a cord connects it with the crab. This "little old man of the sea" on the crab raises and lowers himself

by sucking in and expelling water. The crab had been pretty well broken in by its strange rider when captured, but in its new quarters it renewed its efforts to shake off the parasite. It rolled over, vainly rubbed the sides of the aquarium and once it managed to grasp in its jaw the tentacle by which the bobbing balloon clung to it.

The crab began joyfully to pull himself along the cord, claw over claw. He did it gingerly, for it was a risky climb. The ascidian inflated itself, and soared off the length of the cord. The crab kept clawing and after a great time reached the main section of his enemy. He fiercely jabbed his tormentor, but it didn't do him much barm. An ascidian hasn't any arms, head or legs, but is simply a bag. Jabbing the limp skin didn't harm it much. The crab soon found that out and quit operations.

For some time he meekly obeyed the ascidian whenever the latter wanted a ride. His spirit, however, was broken and he died shortly afterward. Then it was discovered that the ascidian had grown on to the back of the crab and become a part of him, as it were. The two are still firmly linked, but they are in

' The serpent starfish has a black disclike body the size of a half dollar. From the edge project five serpentine feelers ten inches in length. It is lithe, active and vicious, and makes things unpleasant for the small fry that ventures within reach of its long, sinuous arms.

There's a little squid on board scarcely two feet long, but he is the pigmy counterpart of the one captured on the Atlantic seaboard that measured seventy feet and weighed something over 800 pounds.

A queer-looking fish is the pipefish, from eight to twelve inches long and slightly slimmer than a lead pencil.

The most healthy looking oddities on board are the pair of young eagles. They were captured while still in down during a trip on shore. Now they are full-grown, very tame, and insist on overlooking and investigating all the queer things that the dredging net flings on the deck.

-In Self-Defense-Dolley-"Why do you wear such a loud pair of trousers when going to call on Miss Amy?" Goslin-"She is addicted to the plane babit "--Judge.

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